

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 24, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

Education Meeting

Jr. – Sr. High School Library, 930 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich, RI 02817

MEETING MINUTES

The form and content of these minutes conform to commonly accepted standards and shall become the official record of the meeting after review and approval by the School Committee. By definition, minutes are not a verbatim record of the proceedings.

A DVD recording is made a part of the record for a complete account of the School Committee meeting and is available for viewing on the EWG District website.

Convene Meeting

Call to order Chair Pande, 6:05 PM

Board members present: Claudine Pande, Chairperson; Mark Rafanelli, Vice Chairperson; Valerie Zuercher, Clerk; Diane Allen, Lee Kissinger, Theresa Donovan, Sheryl Green

Others present: James Erinakes, II, Superintendent; Robert Ross, Director of Administration

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. District Mission Statement

III. Open Forum (15-minute limit)

Comments must be directed to the Chairperson of the School Committee who may limit or terminate a discussion. No comment should address personnel, litigation or negotiations as restricted by open meeting regulations. The School Committee cannot take action or vote on topics introduced that are not reflected on the agenda.

Superintendent Erinakes gave an overview of the consent agenda.

Member Zuercher requested to pull the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2015 and the Executive Session Minutes of February 10, 2015

IV. Routine Items Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes – *Pulled*

B. Personnel Items

1. Appointments

2. Leaves of Absence

3. Resignations – (ENCLOSED) – (As Recommended by the Superintendent, with Regret)

- a. Letter from Stephen Marmas resigning his position as Assistant Senior High Girls Soccer Coach, effective February 11, 2015

- 4. Non-Renewals
- 5. Recalls
- 6. Sabbaticals
- 7. Contracts

C. Bills – Bills in the amount of \$196,275.58

D. Home School Approvals – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)

- 1. RETURNING FAMILY – Grade(s) 7, 5, 3, and K-(New)

End Consent Agenda

MSV – To accept the Consent Agenda without the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2015 and the Executives Session Minutes of February 10, 2015 – Zuercher/Allen – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

MSV – To accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2015 and the Executives Session Minutes of February 10, 2015 – Donovan/Allen – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED – Clerk Zuercher abstained

E. Correspondence – (1) EWG Strategic Plan 2015 – 2020

V. New Business

A. Approve Cleveland, Ohio Sr. High School Band Trip Proposal

MSV – To approve the [Sr. High School Band] trip to Cleveland – Zuercher/Kissinger – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

B. 2015 – 2016 Final Budget Adoption

MSV – To approve the budget of \$30,689,252 – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

C. *Policy 1401: School Committee's Public Interactions – Members' Understanding of and Commitment to Proper Decorum, as written in section IV, Adoption by Roll Call Vote*

Each member pledged his/her understanding and commitment to proper decorum, as written in section IV of Policy 1401:

Claudine Pande	AYE
Mark Rafanelli	AYE
Valerie Zuercher	AYE
Lee Kissinger	AYE
Theresa Donovan	AYE
Diane Allen	AYE
Sheryl Green	AYE

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Reserve/Capital Projects Update

MSV – To seek bids for a replacement pickup truck with plow package and four-wheel drive – Zuercher/Allen – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

MSV – To go ahead and go out to bid for the full replacement of the tennis courts and for repair of the tennis courts – Kissinger/Zuercher – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

Member Donovan recommended proceeding with the tennis courts bids and also looking at acquiring some funding through the recreation development grant funding awarded to municipalities.

Clerk Zuercher recommended exploring The Champlin Foundations for grants awarded specific to funding accessibility improvements.

VII. Reports/Comments

VIII. Important Dates and Meetings -Tuesday, March 10, 2015-School Committee Meeting-(Jr. High Presentation); Monday, March 16, 2015-Deadline for Motions to Change the Budget by more than \$10,000; Monday, March 23, 2015-public Hearing @ 7:PM; Tuesday, March 24, 2015-School Committee Meeting-(Metcalf School Presentation @ Metcalf School); Monday, April 13, 2015-All Day Referendum AND Special School Committee Meeting@8:30 PM; Tuesday, April 14, 2015-School Committee Meeting-(Sr. High School Presentation); Tuesday, April 28, 2015-School Committee Meeting

MSV – To move to Executive Session at 7:15 PM in accordance with RIGL 42-46-5 (a)(2) – CBA – (C-94/Teachers' Association)-Negotiation Discussion and/or Pending/Potential Litigation – Legal Advice and 42-46-5 (a)(1) - Personnel – Rafanelli/Zuercher and voted as follows:

Claudine Pande	AYE
Mark Rafanelli	AYE
Valerie Zuercher	AYE
Lee Kissinger	AYE
Theresa Donovan	AYE
Diane Allen	AYE
Sheryl Green	AYE

Note, consistent with §42-46-4 and § 42-46-5 (a)(1) the individual being discussed in Executive Session has been properly notified by our legal counsel and advised that he/she may require the discussion be held in Open Session. Legal counsel did not receive a response.

- IX. Executive Session – RIGL 42-46-4 and RIGL 42-46-5**
A. 42-46-5 (a)(9) – CBA – Grievance(s)
B. 42-46-5 (a)(2) – CBA – (C-94/Teachers’ Association)-Negotiation Discussion and/or Pending/Potential Litigation – Legal Advice
C. 42-46-5 (a)(1) – Personnel
D. 42-46-5(a)(3) – Security
- X. Disclosure of any votes taken in Executive Session**
MSV - To deny leave of absence – Kissinger/Rafanelli – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED
- XI. Motion to Seal Executive Session Minutes**
MSV – Effective immediately as a regular practice, seal the Executive Session minutes at the conclusion of Executive Session and again upon return to Open Session – Kissinger/Rafanelli – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED
- MSV- To seal Executive Session minutes [of February 24, 2015] – Kissinger/Rafanelli – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED
- XII. Adjournment**
MSV – To adjourn – Zuercher/Rafanelli – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED
- The meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM

**ROBIN CERIO
RECORDING SECRETARY**